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RESEARCH IN THE KEYSTONE STATE: PENNSYLVANIA GENEALOGY RESOURCES



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With its central location, long history of religious and social tolerance, and status as an important immigration point, Pennsylvania is a key state for many family history researchers. First settled by Swedes in 1643, it became the colony of Pennsylvania when William Penn was awarded a charter in 1681. Founded as an area of spiritual freedom and refuge, Pennsylvania quickly became a destination for a number of religious groups, including Mennonites, Moravians, Palatines, the Pennsylvania Dutch, and Quakers.

During the Revolution, Pennsylvania was a significant contributor to the American cause, offering much-needed soldiers, supplies, and money. After the revolutionary period, mining and other emerging industries soon attracted a new wave of immigrants from across Europe, including Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Poland, and Russia. Many of these settlers moved into western Pennsylvania and the western interior of the United States, including the Great Lakes region. Because of this, many Michigan and Midwestern ancestors can be traced back to colonial Pennsylvania and the Mid-Atlantic region.

This publication lists examples of notable Pennsylvania genealogy resources available at the Library of Michigan. Titles may be located by searching ANSWER, the Library's online catalog, available at <http://answercat.org>. The easiest way to locate Pennsylvania resources in ANSWER is with a keyword search using the word **pennsylvania**, followed by the type of information you are looking for. Here are some additional suggestions to help maximize your search results:

- **pennsylvania history**
- **bucks county genealogy**
- **philadelphia passenger lists**
- **pennsylvania militia**
- **berks county cemeteries**
- **pennsylvania marriages**

Adding a more specific geographic location will allow you to narrow your search. For example, **pennsylvania genealogy and lancaster county** will retrieve genealogical resources that focus on Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. When searching ANSWER, it is not necessary to capitalize proper nouns.

CHURCH RECORDS

Hinshaw, William Wade. *Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy*. Vol. 2 of 7. Ann Arbor, MI: Edwards Bros., 1936.

Genealogy E 184 .F89 H5

Volume 2 of the set includes Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania German Church Records of Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Burials, Etc. 3 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1983.
Genealogy F 160 .G3 P427 1983

Wright, F. Edward. *Berks County Church Records of the 18th Century*. 4 vols. Westminster, MD: Family Line Publications, 1993-1994.

Genealogy F 157 .B3 W75 1993

GENEALOGICAL/HISTORICAL RESOURCES

Crumrine, Boyd, ed. *History of Washington County, Pennsylvania*. Philadelphia: L.H. Everts & Company, 1882.

Genealogy F 157 .W3 C78 1882

First Tax List for the Province of Pennsylvania and the Three Lower Counties, 1693. Bedminster, PA: Adams Apple Press, 1994.

Genealogy F 148 .A3 1994

Livengood, Candy Crocker. *Genealogical Abstracts of the Laws of Pennsylvania & the Statutes at Large*. Westminster, MD: Willow Bend Books, 2001.

Genealogy F 148 .L58 2001

McElwain, Wilbur J., and Jeremiah Zeamer. *Cumberland County, Pennsylvania, Cemetery Records*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1994.

Genealogy F 157 .C8 M33 1994

McFarland, K.T.H. *Inscriptions from Union Dale Cemetery, Allegheny (Now Pittsburgh), Pa.* 8 vols. Apollo, PA: Closson Press, 1985-1986.

Genealogy F 159 .P6 A26 1985

Nonpopulation Census Schedules for Pennsylvania, 1850-1880: Mortality. 11 reels. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1996.

Microfilm HB 1355 .P4 N66 1996

Pennsylvania County and Regional Histories. 125 reels. New Haven, CT: Research Publications, 1973.

Microfilm F 149 .P4 1973

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: Pennsylvania. 76 reels.

Pelham, NY: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company, 1884-1958.

Microfilm G 1261 .G475 .S36 1990

Williams, Richard T., and Mildred C. Williams, comps. *Index of Wills & Administration Records*,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1682-1782. Danboro, PA: R.T. Williams, 1972.

Genealogy F 158.25 .W54 1972

GETTING STARTED

Freilich, Kay Haviland. *Research in Pennsylvania*.

Arlington, VA: National Genealogical Society, 2003.

Genealogy CS 42 .N43 no. 68

IMMIGRATION & NATURALIZATION

Filby, P. William, ed. *Philadelphia Naturalization*

Records: An Index to Records of Aliens' Declarations of Intention....1789-1880.... Detroit, MI: Gale, 1982.

Genealogy CS 68 .P47 1982

Indexes to Naturalization Petitions to the U.S. Circuit and District Courts for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1795-1951. 60 reels. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1983.

Microfilm F 149 .U55 1983

Passenger Lists of Vessels Arriving at Philadelphia, 1800-1882. 108 reels. Washington, D.C. National Archives, 1963.

Microfilm F 158.25 .P37 1800

Indexes are available, and the Library has the 1883-1945 manifests.

Persons Naturalized in the Province of Pennsylvania, 1740-1773. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1967.

Genealogy F 152 .P33 1967

Strassburger, Ralph B. *Pennsylvania German Pioneers: A Publication of the Original Lists of Arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808*. 3 vols. Norristown, PA: Pennsylvania German Society, 1934.

Genealogy F 158 .G8 S753 1934

Tepper, Michael, ed. *Emigrants to Pennsylvania, 1641-1819: A Consolidation of Ship Passenger Lists from the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1975.
Genealogy F 148 .E5 1975

Westcott, Thompson. *Names of Persons Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania, Between the Years 1777 and 1789...* Philadelphia: John Campbell, 1865.
Genealogy F 153 .W52

INTERNET RESOURCES

Pennsylvania State Archives

<http://www.digitalarchives.state.pa.us/>

Index to various Pennsylvania state military records, including the Civil War, National Guard, and World War I.

Pennsylvania Volunteers of the Civil War

<http://www.pacivilwar.com/bates.html>

Links to free searchable databases of the 5-volume Civil War set by Samuel Bates.

LAND RECORDS & MAPS

DenBoer, Gordon, comp. *Atlas of Historical County Boundaries: Pennsylvania*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996.
Genealogy G 1201 .F7 A8 1993 Pa

McCrea, Kenneth D. *Pennsylvania Land Applications*. 2 vols. Strasburg, PA: Pennsylvania Chapter, Palatines to America, 2002.
Genealogy F 148 .M136 2002

Munger, Donna B. *Pennsylvania Land Records: A History and Guide for Research*. Wilmington, DE: Scholarly Resources, 1991.
Genealogy F 149 .M85 1991

Philadelphia Maps, 1682-1982: Townships, Districts, Wards. Philadelphia: Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1996.
Genealogy G 1264 .P5 F7 D3 1996

MILITARY

Muster Rolls of the Pennsylvania Volunteers in the War of 1812-1814. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1994.
Genealogy E 359.5 .P3 M8 1994

Pennsylvania. Adjutant-General's Office. *Record of Pennsylvania Volunteers in the Spanish-American War, 1898*. Harrisburg, PA: State Printer, 1900.
Genealogy E 726 .P4 P4

Pension Roll of 1835. Vol. 2 of 4. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1992.
Genealogy E 255 .U53 1992
Volume 2 includes DE, NJ, NY, and PA.

PENNSYLVANIA ARCHIVES

[*Colonial Records of Pennsylvania*]. 16 vols. Harrisburg, PA: T. Fenn, 1838-1853.
Genealogy F 146 .P42
Genealogy F 146 .P422
The precursor to the *Pennsylvania Archives* series.

Crawford-Oppeneheimer, Christine. *Lost in Pennsylvania?: Try the Pennsylvania Archives*. Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania, 1999.
Genealogy F 149 .C83 1999

Dructor, Robert M. *Guide to Genealogical Sources at the Pennsylvania State Archives*. 2nd ed. Harrisburg, PA: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 1998.
Genealogy F 148 .P39 1998

Pennsylvania Archives. 138 vols. 1852-1935.
Genealogy F 146 .P41
With emphasis on early Pennsylvania records, the set includes early marriages, muster rolls, tax lists, land grants, and much more. Start with Crawford-Oppeneheimer's *Lost in Pennsylvania?* before using this invaluable and overwhelming resource.

VITAL RECORDS

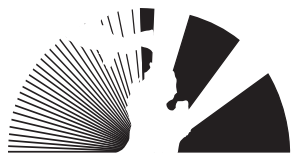
Colonial and Revolutionary Families of Pennsylvania: Genealogical and Personal Memoirs. 3 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1978.
Genealogy F 148 .C722

Fisher, Charles A., comp. *Early Pennsylvania Births, 1675-1875*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1996.
Genealogy F 148 .F5 1996

Genealogies of Pennsylvania Families. 3 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1982.
Genealogy F 148 .G457 1982

Humphrey, John T. *Pennsylvania Births: Northampton County, 1733-1800*. Baltimore: Gateway Press, 1991.
Genealogy F 157 .N7 H86 1991
To-date, series includes 14 PA counties.

Pennsylvania Vital Records. 3 vols. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company, 1983.
Genealogy F 148 .P48 1983



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